WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING OF June 9, 2003

Conference Call Olympia, WA

MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS

Commissioners: Rudy Vasquez; Ellis Casson; Charlotte Coker; Dallas Barnes; and J. Reiko Callner. A quorum was present.

Staff: Tanya Calahan, Commission Clerk, Susan Carlson; Assistant Attorney General; Rebecca Moore, Office Assistant Senior; Dariush Khaleghi, Deputy Director; Jean Ciallella, Executive Assistant; Cheryl Strobert, Program Manager; Berneta Walraven and Regina Hook, Jerry Lee, and Sharon Ortiz, Operations Managers; Arthur Stratton, Equal Opportunity Compliance Specialist; Tim Reynolds, Information Technology Systems Specialist; Les Smith, Data Coordinator; and Laurie Rasmussen, Equal Opportunity Compliance Investigator.

Guests: Brad Shannon, The Olympian and Scott Turner, Department of Personnel.

(Audio tape one - side one)

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Commissioner Vasquez.

UPDATE ON JULY WORKSHOP SESSION Commission Clerk Tanya Calahan announced that the Commissioners' July workshop session is scheduled for July 15-16, 2003 in Sea Tac.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Vasquez announced at 10:10 a.m. that the Commissioners will be in executive session until 10:20 a.m. to receive information and evaluate a complaint regarding a staff member. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Vasquez announced that the Commissioners received a letter from Executive Director Sue Jordan resigning her position.

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Mr. Vasquez recommended that the Commission accept her resignation. He then read Ms. Jordan letter of resignation dated June 4, 2003 into the record. A copy of the letter of resignation is attached to these minutes. (See attachment one). Commissioner Callner made a motion that the Commission accept Ms. Jordan's letter of resignation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Vasquez announced that he responded to Ms. Jordan's letter of resignation on behalf of the Commission with the Commission's approval. He then read the Commission's June 9, 2003 response to Ms. Jordan into the record. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. (See attachment two).

Commissioner Vasquez stated that Deputy Director Dariush Khaleghi will handle day to day operation of the agency. Ms. Jordan will work from home handling special projects assigned by the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Y. Calahan Commission Clerk